

# Not to the Right or Left

## *The Story Josiah*

2 Chronicles 34:2 [Josiah] did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed the ways of his father [ancestor] David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. NIV

2 Chronicles 34:3 In the eighth year of his reign, while [Josiah] was still young, he began to seek the God of his father [ancestor] David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols. NIV

2 Chronicles 34:8 In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the Lord his God. NIV

2 Chronicles 34:14 While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord that had been given through Moses. NIV

2 Chronicles 34:19 When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. NIV

2 Chronicles 34:27 [The Lord said,] "Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the Lord." NIV

2 Chronicles 34:31 The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book. NIV

2 Kings 23:15 Even the altar at Bethel, the high place made by Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin—even that altar and high place he demolished. He burned the high place and ground it to powder, and burned the Asherah pole also. NIV

1 Kings 13:2 By the word of the Lord [a man of God] cried out against the altar: "Altar, altar! This is what the Lord says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.'" NIV

2 Kings 23:25 Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses. NIV

**Set a determined course.**

**Make choices to stay on course.**

**Make continual course corrections.**